

SAMUEL HAMILTON.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 463.]

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MARCH 23, 1860.

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Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Hamilton, report :*

That they have examined the evidence in the case, from which it appears that the petitioner was a private in Captain Markle's company of light dragoons, from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in the war of 1812. The petitioner was in the battle of Massinaway, and while leaving the battle-ground his horse was wounded, from which circumstance he was much exposed. He was taken sick at a place called Franklinton, and remained so two weeks; was afterwards taken sick again at Canton, and was sick four weeks. His disease was inflammation in the eyes and rheumatism, contracted while in the line of his duty in the service of his country. These complaints, together with asthma, have ever since afflicted the petitioner, so much so that he has been unable to gain his support by manual labor. He was healthy when he went into the service, and ever after, and part of the time while in the service, has not been able to gain a subsistence by manual labor. These facts are substantiated by Captain Joseph Markle, who has ever since the war resided within two miles of the petitioner; also by the certificate of two reputable physicians. A letter from the Third Auditor, dated May 21, 1855, states that the petitioner was in the service, as the documents on file show, twelve months; that he was honorably discharged, and that he was reported sick at Franklinton and at Canton on the rolls of his company. Your committee therefore recommend that he have a pension, and report a bill accordingly.

